Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 04 Nov 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 05 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 04 Nov 2020 at 02:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for becoming generally more settled through the rest of the week but lower for details regarding cloud and the chance of rain over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 04 Nov 2020: Bright morning with sunny spells, cloudier afternoon with evening rain. Strong to gale force westerly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 04 Nov 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light rain	Fog
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	<05%	<05%	20%	20%

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Weather: Any showers die out soon after dawn to leave a bright morning with some good spells of sunshine. However the sunshine turns increasingly hazy through the afternoon as cloud above the summits increases, the cloud thickening enough to bring some light patchy evening rain.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 75% at dawn with occasional cloud above 600m soon rising close to 100% with little or no cloud below summit level. Fall to nil through the evening as extensive cloud lowers to 400-500m.

Visibility: Very good, falling to several kilometres in evening rain while turning very poor at height in extensive low cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	31/40 NW	27/35 NW	24/32 W	24/33 W	31/41 W	36/49 SW	38/52 W
900	23/27 W	19/23 W	19/26 W	19/25 W	25/32 SW	33/42 SW	33/44 SW
600	13/17 W	13/18 SW	14/20 W	13/20 SW	15/23 SW	20/30 SW	21/33 SW
300	3/12 W	5/14 W	8/18 W	8/19 SW	10/23 SW	14/31 SW	15/33 SW
Glen	4/21 NW	4/17 W	5/18 W	4/18 SW	5/21 SW	7/27 SW	7/27 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	0/-8	1/-7
900	1/-6	1/-5	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	3/-4	4/-3
600	3/-2	4/-1	4/-0	4/0	4/-1	5/-0	6/1
300	3/2	4/2	6/4	6/4	6/3	7/3	8/4
Glen	4/2	4/3	8/6	7/6	7/4	8/4	8/5
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	1000m	1000m	2500m	3300m	3100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Winds across the higher summits likely to be around 10 mph stronger than the 1300m winds in the table, with summit gales developing late evening. Lying snow may obscure some higher paths.

Forecast for Thursday 05 Nov 2020

Weather: Rather cloudy to the west of the Cairngorm Plateau through much of the day with perhaps a little light drizzle. However eastern and southern hills and mountains should see some bright or sunny spells developing through the day.

Maximum wind: Westerly 30-40mph, with gusts around 60mph over ridges and summits, gradually easing 20-25mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 25% at first and more generally west of the Plateau with periods above 600m, but becoming close to 100% in the south and east as early cloud lifts above summits and breaks.

Visibility: Good, becoming very good in south and east, but falling to several kilometres at times in drizzle.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around 4 or 5 Celsius at dawn rising to plus 12 Celsius in west and 14 Celsius in south and east.
At 800m: Around plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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